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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY ROLE IN NUCLEAR  
COOPERATION

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1. STANDING GROUP ON LONG TERM CO-OPERATION (SLT) OF IEA  
AT ITS JULY 2-3 MEETING DISCUSSED REPORT OF SUB-GROUP ON  
ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY AND SUGGESTED THAT FUTURE WORK IN  
THIS AREA SHOULD BE BROADENED BEYOND COLLATION AND  
ANALYSIS OF URANIUM DATA. SLT RECOGNIZED ACTIVITIES OF  
OTHER BODIES SPECIFICALLY THE NEA AND AGREED THAT IN  
ORDER TO FORMULATE VIEWS ON EXTENT TO WHICH ITS ROLE IN  
THE NUCLEAR SECTOR MIGHT BE BROADENED, GROUP NEEDED CLEAR  
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UNDERSTANDING OF ON-GOING ACTIVITIES IN EXISTING INTER-

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. KELLY REQUEST IS PART OF BROAD IEA SECRETARIAT ASSIGNMENT TO OBTAIN DATA ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR DISCUSSION ON THE NUCLEAR ROLE OF THE IEA AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SLT; (8-10 SEPTEMBER).

2. EXAMINATION OF POTENTIAL LARGER ROLE FOR IEA IN NUCLEAR AREA IS LOGICAL OUTGROWTH

OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS BEFORE IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 1975 WHICH SAID IN PART THAT WE MUST MOVE URGENTLY AND DECISIVELY WITHIN IEA TO

-- INTENSIFY OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO MAP AND ANALYZE FUTURE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF FUEL, INCLUDING ASSESSING THE AVAILABILITY OF URANIUM RESOURCES.

-- JOINTLY PROJECT THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE NUCLEAR SECTOR FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND CONSIDER HOW OUR GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COOPERATIVELY, CAN ASSIST IN MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

-- EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC NECESSITY, PLANT REQUIREMENTS, AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS OF PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING, RECYCLING AND STORAGE.

-- UNDERTAKE INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION.

-- DEVELOP BALANCED INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO BRING PERCEPTIONS OF THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN LINE WITH REALITY.

SECRETARY POINTED OUT IN HIS ADDRESS THAT SEVERAL OF THE TECHNICAL ISSUES INVOLVED ARE ALREADY BEING DEALT WITH BY NEA AND THAT THIS WORK SHOULD OF COURSE CONTINUE.

3. IEA/NEA WORK CLOSELY COORDINATED THROUGH USE OF SAME STAFF SUPPORT AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED IEA NUCLEAR PROGRAMS BY NEA STEERING COMMITTEE. STEERING COMMITTEE AT ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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23 JUNE 1975 MEETING EXAMINED PROPOSALS BEING FORMULATED WITHIN IEA WITH RESPECT TO R&D IN THE FIELDS OF RADIO-ACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, NUCLEAR SAFETY AND FUSION POWER AND AGREED THAT:

-- NEA WAS IN A POSITION, WITHIN ITS EXISTING MANDATE, TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES CORRESPONDING TO THE CO-OPERATIVE NEEDS DEFINED BY IEA IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD; AND SHOULD

BE READY, WITHIN ITS OWN PROGRAMME OF WORK, TO UNDERTAKE THE FUNCTIONS AND TASKS REQUIRED BY THE PROGRAMMES PROPOSED BY IEA IN THIS FIELD;

-- NEA SHOULD BE READY, AS LEAD ORGANIZATION, TO SET UP AND EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND TO CREATE FOR THAT PURPOSE A RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; THE PRECISE MANDATE OF THIS COMMITTEE, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEA EXISTING BODIES ON NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIATION PROTECTION, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT SESSION, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE BODIES;

-- NEA SHOULD BE READY TO FULFIL THE TASKS REQUIRED FOR THE NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH INDEX AND THE MULTI-LATERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON REACTOR SAFETY, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ITS COMMITTEE ON THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS;

-- TOOK NOTE OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED WITHIN IEA IN THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL R AND D PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF FUSION POWER, WITH THE CEC AS LEAD ORGANIZATION; AND AGREED THAT NEA SHOULD BE READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR SUCH TASKS IN RELATION TO THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK ON FUSION AS MAY DEVOLVE UPON THE OECD;

-- ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE DEvised, IN AGREEMENT WITH IEA, FOR SATISFACTORY MUTUAL INFORMATION AND COORDINATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND WORK OF THE TWO AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY;

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-- UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING APPROPRIATE LIAISON WITH OTHER OECD BODIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THIS WORK, IN PARTICULAR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE;

-- IN FULFILLING THE TASKS DESCRIBED ABOVE, NEA SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF AND REINFORCE, AS APPROPRIATE, THE EXISTING COOPERATION WITH CEC AND IAEA.

4. MISSION MAY DRAW ON ABOVE FOR GUIDANCE IN DISCUSSING COORDINATION ISSUE WITH FISCHER. KISSINGER

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